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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, SY

SUBJ: BOMBING OF G-2 OFFICE, DAMASCUS

1. AT 1830 LOCAL NOVEMBER 12 A BOMB EXPLODED AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF A MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRANCH IN DOWNTOWN DAMASCUS. EXTENT OF CASUALTIES NOT PRESENTLY KNOWN. DAMAGE SEEN FROM OUTSIDE OF BUILDING THIS MORNING CONSISTED OF BLOWN OUT WINDOWS AND ONE BROKEN INTERIOR DOOR.

2. ACCORDING EMBASSY SOURCES THIS BRANCH HEADQUARTERS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EITHER: (A) EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN GENERAL OR (B) PALESTINIAN AFFAIRS IN PARTICULAR. (NOTE: WE UNDERSTAND PALESTINIAN AFFAIRS FALLS UNDER JURISDICTION OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION OF G-2.)

3. COMMENT: IF OFFICE DAMAGED WAS IN FACT THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR PALESTINIAN AFFAIRS, WE SPECULATE THAT AUTHOR LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN PFLP, SEVERAL OF WHOSE MEMBERS REMAIN UNDER ARREST AND INTERROGATION IN CONNECTION WITH G-2 INVESTIGATION OF EARLIER BOMBINGS IN DAMASCUS AND ALEPPO (DAMASCUS 2498). IN ANY EVENT, CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS, THE FIFTH BOMBING IN THE SERIES WHICH BEGAN

LAST AUGUST, IS THE FIRST TO HAVE STRUCK AT A SYRIAN
GOVERNMENT OFFICE.
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